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## **Tug Hill Local Government Conference May 1 and 2, 2024 Turning Stone Event Center**

**Watertown, NY** – Local government officials across Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, and Oswego counties and beyond can now register for the Tug Hill Commission's 32nd annual Local Government Conference to be held at the Turning Stone Conference Center, 5218 Patrick Road, Verona, NY 13478. Registration and session information for both the Thursday, May 2 full day of training and for the Wednesday, May 1 afternoon infrastructure roundtable are now available on the commission's website at [tughill.org/localgovernmentconference/](http://tughill.org/localgovernmentconference/). At this website, you can navigate through a series of menus that detail hotel accommodations, detailed session descriptions, and exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities. You can also call our office at 315-785-2380 if you have any questions.

The local government conference typically draws over 600 attendees and over 25 exhibitors, and provides training and networking opportunities for town supervisors, village mayors, town and village board members, clerks, planning and zoning board members, highway superintendents, assessors, and other government officials. Anyone is welcome to attend. Registrations can be completed on-line with credit card payment, or through the mail with a check.

There are three ways to take advantage of this year's conference and registration is required for each. First, the traditional main conference and concurrent sessions will take place Thursday, May 2, 2024. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., opening remarks begin at 8:30 a.m., and concurrent session begin at 9:00 a.m. The conference concludes at 4:15 p.m. The regular registration fee is \$85 (\$170 after April 1, 2024)\*.

Second, together with the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center, an Infrastructure Roundtable Discussion is also being offered on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The regular cost of this session is \$25 (\$50 after April 1, 2024)\*. If you are interested in learning more about funding and financing for municipal infrastructure in your town or village,

come meet representatives from funding agencies like the USDA, DEC, DOH, DOS and EFC and learn about numerous existing and new funding opportunities for safe water (drinking water), clean water (wastewater), road-related projects, and other community investments. Find out how their programs can help make your municipal infrastructure more resilient and adaptable and take the opportunity to sit down with them individually to discuss your current projects and funding needs.

Third, a reception, sponsored by our platinum sponsor, GYMO Architecture, Engineering & Land Surveying, will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join us. There is a \$15 fee for this event (\$30 after April 1, 2024)\*. Hearty appetizers will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

\*If you are registering with a check, your registration sheet must be postmarked by April 1, 2024, to take advantage of the regular fee. If you are registering with a credit card, the regular fee is also honored until April 1, 2024. On or after April 2, 2024, all fees are doubled. No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2024.

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*The New York State Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region, especially its environment and economy. The commission uses a grassroots approach to build local capacity and provide technical assistance in land use planning, community development, and natural resource management.*